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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA)
) INDICTMENT NO.
V.) 16SC146906
)
JORDAN HUNTER,)
) DEFENDANT.)

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE ROBERT MCBURNEY
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
AUGUST 9, 2017

APPEARANCES:
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RUDY HARRIS
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FOR THE DEFENDANT: COREY BOWLES
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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AUGUST 9, 2017

THE COURT: WE'RE BACK ON THE RECORD IN THE MATTER OF *STATE VERSUS HUNTER*. IT IS WEDNESDAY, ALMOST 2 O'CLOCK, WHICH OUR COURT RAN LATE. OUR PROSECUTORS ARE HERE. WE HAVE MR. BOWLES AND MR. HUNTER.

MR. HUNTER, I UNDERSTAND THAT WE'VE HAD SOME TROUBLE LOCATING WHATEVER THE NEXT ROUND OF CLOTHES WERE SUPPOSED TO BE FOR YOU. DEPUTY MURPHY TOLD US ALL LAST NIGHT HE HAD THOSE. I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE DEPUTY MURPHY IS. HE'S NOT IN HERE. HE WASN'T HERE THIS MORNING. I DON'T KNOW IF HE WAS ASSIGNED ELSEWHERE; BUT DEPUTY BRYANT, THROUGH HIS GOOD SERVICES, WAS ABLE TO GET SOME OTHER STUFF. IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN WHAT YOU WERE EXPECTING. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU TWO HAVE SPOKEN. ARE WE ABLE TO GO FORWARD, OR DO WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT TRYING TO FIND FOR TODAY ONLY WHATEVER HAD BEEN DELIVERED?

MR. BOWLES: I THINK WE'RE OKAY LIKE THIS, JUDGE.

THE COURT: ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THAT, MR. HUNTER?

THE DEFENDANT: YES, SIR.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. HOPEFULLY DEPUTY

1 MURPHY WILL BE BACK TOMORROW. HE WAS HERE LATE
2 YESTERDAY, AND HE'LL KNOW WHERE HE PUT THE CLOTHES.

3 MS. MCAULEY, ANYTHING WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT
4 BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY IN?

5 **MS. MCAULEY:** NOTHING FROM THE STATE.

6 **THE COURT:** MR. BOWLES?

7 **MR. BOWLES:** NOTHING FROM THE DEFENSE, JUDGE.

8 **THE COURT:** OKAY. DID GET YOUR JURY CHARGES;
9 THANK YOU; AND MS. LYON IS PUTTING TOGETHER A DRAFT
10 THAT I WILL BE LOOKING AT AND THAT I WILL GET TO
11 YOU-ALL.

12 STATE HAS WITNESSES TO GET US THROUGH THE
13 AFTERNOON?

14 **MS. MCAULEY:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

15 **THE COURT:** GREAT. EVERYONE HAD A GOOD DAY SO
16 FAR?

17 **MS. MCAULEY:** MM-HMM.

18 **MR. HARRIS:** YES, YOUR HONOR.

19 **MR. BOWLES:** NOT TOO BAD.

20 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S BRING THE JURY
21 IN, PLEASE.

22 (THE FOLLOWING WAS HELD IN THE
23 PRESENCE OF THE PROSPECTIVE JURORS.)

24 **THE COURT:** THANK YOU, SERGEANT.

25 WELCOME BACK, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. HAPPY

1 WEDNESDAY. SORRY WE'RE GETTING A LITTLE BIT OF A
2 LATE START. DRUG COURT IS DIVIDED UP INTO FOLKS
3 WHO ARE GETTING STAR CERTIFICATES BECAUSE THINGS
4 HAVE GONE WELL AND FOLKS WHO ARE GETTING SANCTIONS
5 AND TODAY'S DIVISION WAS NOT A HAPPY DIVISION AND
6 WE HAD MANY MORE FOLKS WHO HAD HAD A TOUGH PAST FEW
7 WEEKS AND THAT MEANT IT TOOK A WHOLE LOT LONGER
8 THAN I FORECASTED. THAT WAS MY MISTAKE. I THINK
9 MOST OF YOU WERE HERE ON TIME. A LOT OF YOU WERE
10 HERE ON TIME, SO YOU'VE BEEN SITTING AROUND FOR A
11 WHILE, I APOLOGIZE.

12 WE ARE READY TO GET STARTED. IF YOU DON'T
13 REMEMBER, WE'RE STILL IN THE MIDST OF THE STATE'S
14 CASE. SO I'M GOING TO ASK MS. MCAULEY TO CALL THE
15 NEXT WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION.

16 **MS. MCAULEY:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. THE
17 STATE CALLS DR. TRISHA SHERIDAN.

18 **DR. TRISHA SHERIDAN,**
19 HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS
20 FOLLOWS:

21 **THE DEPUTY:** ALL RIGHT. HAVE A SEAT, MA'AM.
22 STATE YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME INTO THE MIC,
23 PLEASE.

24 **THE WITNESS:** TRISHA SHERIDAN.

25 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

1 **BY MS. MCAULEY:**

2 **Q** GOOD MORNING, DR. SHERIDAN. HOW ARE YOU
3 CURRENTLY EMPLOYED?

4 **A** I AM A PROFESSOR AT EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF
5 NURSING.

6 **Q** AND WHAT TYPE OF CLASSES DO YOU TEACH AT EMORY
7 UNIVERSITY?

8 **A** SO I TEACH IN THE WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM. I'M
9 THE COORDINATOR, AND I TEACH FORENSIC NURSING.

10 **Q** AND WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR BACKGROUND AND
11 EDUCATION IN NURSING?

12 **A** I HAVE MY DOCTORATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
13 TEXAS, HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER. MY MASTER'S AND MY
14 BACHELOR'S IN NURSING IS FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. I'M
15 A BOARD CERTIFIED WOMEN'S NURSE PRACTITIONER AND I'M A
16 FORENSIC NURSE, ADOLESCENTS, ADULTS, AND PEDIATRICS.

17 **Q** WHAT IS FORENSIC NURSING?

18 **A** FORENSIC NURSING IS WHERE NURSING AND LAW COME
19 TOGETHER. SO WE WORK WITH VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS OF
20 VIOLENCE TO COLLECT EVIDENCE BUT ALSO TO MEET THE NEEDS
21 OF THE PATIENT.

22 **Q** AND ASIDE FROM YOUR CURRENT ROLE AT EMORY
23 UNIVERSITY, WHAT PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE DO YOU
24 HAVE IN THAT FIELD?

25 **A** WELL, I CURRENTLY SIT ON THE BOARD OF

1 DIRECTORS AT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC
2 NURSING AND THEN PRIOR TO THAT, I RAN THE FORENSIC
3 NURSING PROGRAM AT BAYLOR FAMILY HOSPITAL IN TEXAS.

4 Q AND IN ADDITION TO YOUR TEACHING EXPERIENCE,
5 ARE YOU -- IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, ARE YOU A
6 MEMBER OF ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND
7 ORGANIZATIONS?

8 A WELL, THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
9 FORENSIC NURSING AND THEN ALSO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
10 OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS.

11 Q AND HAVE YOU EVER TAUGHT COURSES IN THE AREA
12 OF NURSING OR FORENSIC NURSING?

13 A SO I CURRENTLY TEACH TWO COURSES AT EMORY
14 UNIVERSITY, BUT THEN I DO THE TRAINING NATIONALLY FOR
15 SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS, AND THEN I TEACH
16 FORENSIC NURSING ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

17 Q AND HAVE YOU EVER AUTHORED ANY ARTICLES OR
18 PAPERS ON THE SUBJECT OF FORENSIC NURSING?

19 A YES.

20 Q AND WHAT ARE WHAT ARTICLES AND PAPERS.

21 A I'M PUBLISHED ON SEXUAL ASSAULT RISK
22 STRATIFICATION. SO WHETHER A PATIENT NEEDS HIV
23 MEDICATION AFTER AN ASSAULT AND ALSO HUMAN TRAFFICKING
24 AND THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT AND RAPE IN PRISONS.

25 Q AND HAVE YOU TESTIFIED PREVIOUSLY IN COURT

1 ABOUT FORENSIC NURSING AND SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE
2 EXAMINATIONS?

3 A YES.

4 Q HAVE YOU EVER BEEN QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT
5 BEFORE?

6 A YES.

7 Q APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY TIMES?

8 A PROBABLY ABOUT A DOZEN TIMES.

9 Q AND HAVE YOU BEEN QUALIFIED HERE IN FULTON
10 COUNTY?

11 A YES.

12 MS. MCAULEY: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME I WOULD
13 OFFER THE WITNESS AS AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF
14 FORENSIC NURSING.

15 THE COURT: MR. BOWLES, ANY QUESTIONS FOR DR.
16 SHERIDAN OR OBJECTION TO HAVING HER QUALIFIED AS AN
17 EXPERT?

18 MR. BOWLES: JUST A QUESTION, JUDGE.

19 VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. BOWLES:

21 Q HAVE YOU TESTIFIED AS AN EXPERT IN COURT
22 BEFORE?

23 A YES, SIR.

24 Q HOW MANY TIMES?

25 A PROBABLY ABOUT A DOZEN.

1 **THE COURT:** OKAY. DR. SHERIDAN, YOU ARE
2 QUALIFIED IN THE FIELD OF FORENSIC NURSING FOR THE
3 PURPOSES OF THIS TRIAL.

4 **Q** **(BY MS. MCAULEY)** DR. SHERIDAN, IN CONNECTION
5 WITH THIS PARTICULAR CASE, DID YOU REVIEW ANY DOCUMENTS
6 OR EVIDENCE RELATED TO THIS CASE?

7 **A** YES.

8 **Q** AND WHAT DID YOU REVIEW?

9 **A** I REVIEWED THE FORENSIC RECORD, THE SEXUAL
10 ASSAULT MEDICAL RECORD.

11 **Q** WERE YOU ALSO PROVIDED PHOTOGRAPHS TO REVIEW?

12 **A** YES.

13 **Q** AND IN ADDITION TO YOUR REVIEW, DID YOU
14 PROVIDE SOME CONSULTATION AS TO YOUR FINDINGS UPON YOUR
15 REVIEW OF THOSE DOCUMENTS?

16 **A** YES.

17 **Q** AND IF WE COULD FOCUS FIRST ON THE PHOTOGRAPHS
18 THAT YOU REVIEWED AND THEN MOVE TO THE SEXUAL ASSAULT
19 NURSE EXAMINATION. I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT HAS
20 PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADMITTED AS STATE'S EXHIBITS 14 THROUGH
21 18. ARE THOSE THE PHOTOGRAPHS THAT YOU REVIEWED, DR.
22 SHERIDAN?

23 **A** YES.

24 **Q** AND WERE YOU ABLE TO REVIEW THE INJURIES THAT
25 ARE PICTURED IN THOSE DOCUMENTS?

1 **A** YES.

2 **Q** AND IF YOU COULD, HOW DOES BRUISING OCCUR ON
3 THE BODY? ARE THERE DIFFERENT STAGES? IF YOU COULD
4 PROVIDE SOME EXPLANATION OF THAT.

5 **A** SO BRUISING IS BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA. SO
6 SOMETHING AS THERE'S BEEN A PRESSURE APPLIED TO THE SKIN
7 IN SOME WAY. SO IT'S THE POOLING OF BLOOD UNDER THE
8 SKIN, AND IT DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH PRESSURE, IT DEPENDS ON
9 WHAT BODY PART, HOW VASCULAR, HOW MUCH BLOOD FLOW IS TO
10 THAT AREA WHEN BRUISING SHOWS UP, AND THEN THE COLOR OF
11 THE BRUISES. WE CAN'T AGE A BRUISE, BUT WE CAN SAY THE
12 PROCESS OF THE COLOR CHANGES IS GENERALLY A CERTAIN
13 PATTERN.

14 **Q** SO BY SAYING WE CAN'T AGE A BRUISE IS WE CAN'T
15 IDENTIFY EXACTLY THE TIME AND DAY AS TO WHEN THAT BRUISE
16 WOULD HAVE OCCURRED ON THAT PERSON'S BODY?

17 **A** THAT'S CORRECT.

18 **Q** BUT ARE YOU ABLE TO LOOK AT A BRUISE AND MAKE
19 A -- TELL WHETHER OR NOT IT'S CONSISTENT WITH BEING AN
20 EARLY-STAGE BRUISE OR LATTER?

21 **A** YES, WE CAN SAY IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH.

22 **Q** WHAT WOULD AN EARLY-STAGE BRUISE LOOK LIKE?

23 **A** SO RED/PURPLE IS NORMALLY THE FIRST COLOR.

24 **Q** AND TYPICALLY, ALTHOUGH WE CAN'T CONSTRAIN IT
25 TO A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD, WHAT IS THE TIME SPAN THAT AN

1 EARLY-STAGE BRUISE CAN OCCUR?

2 **A** SO, AGAIN, IT DEPENDS ON THE TYPE OF PRESSURE
3 THAT WAS APPLIED AND THEN ALSO WHAT PART OF THE BODY,
4 THE SIZE -- THERE ARE DIFFERENT FACTORS BUT USUALLY, YOU
5 KNOW, THE RED, THE PURPLE IS WITHIN -- IT COULD BE HOURS
6 TO A FEW DAYS.

7 **Q** AND WHAT DOES AN ADVANCED-STAGE BRUISE LOOK
8 LIKE?

9 **A** SO IT'S THE HEMOGLOBIN BREAKING DOWN IN THE
10 BLOOD AND THAT'S WHEN YOU START TO SEE THE
11 DISCOLORATION. IT GOES DARKER. IT TURNS YELLOW,
12 GREENISH-BROWN.

13 **Q** AND IF I COULD GET THOSE EXHIBITS BACK FROM
14 YOU.

15 **MS. MCAULEY:** AND MAY I PUBLISH?

16 **THE COURT:** YOU MAY.

17 **Q** **(BY MS. MCAULEY)** AND, DR. SHERIDAN, IF YOU
18 CAN ENABLE YOUR SCREEN ON THE FRONT OF YOUR COMPUTER IF
19 IT'S NOT ALREADY BEEN ENABLED.

20 I'M GOING TO START WITH STATE'S EXHIBIT 17
21 FIRST. SO, DR. SHERIDAN, ON THE SCREEN, I'M LOOKING AT
22 THIS MARK HERE. IS THAT MARK CONSISTENT WITH AN
23 EARLY-STAGE BRUISE?

24 **A** YES, IT COULD BE CONSISTENT.

25 **Q** I'M MOVING TO STATE'S EXHIBIT 15. AND LOOKING

1 AT THIS MARK HERE, IS THAT MARK CONSISTENT WITH AN
2 EARLY-STAGE BRUISE?

3 A YES. IT'S HARD TO TELL THE COLORING BECAUSE
4 THIS IS A PHOTOCOPY; BUT ON THE PICTURES I VIEWED, YOU
5 COULD DEFINITELY SEE IT WAS RED, MUCH MORE RED; AND SO,
6 YES, THAT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH AN EARLY-STAGE
7 BRUISE.

8 Q THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THE LIGHT ALSO IS
9 IMPACTING IT.

10 A YEAH.

11 Q AND THEN THIS MARK HERE -- I KNOW IT'S A
12 LITTLE DIFFICULT TO SEE -- IS THAT CONSISTENT WITH AN
13 EARLY-STAGE BRUISE?

14 A YES.

15 Q AND NOW I'M MOVING TO STATE'S EXHIBIT 18.
16 THOSE RED MARKS THAT ARE SEEN IN THIS PICTURE, ARE THOSE
17 CONSISTENT WITH AN EARLY-STAGE BRUISE OR AN ABRASION AT
18 THE BEGINNING STAGES OF HEALING?

19 A YES. YOU CAN'T REALLY SEE IT ON THIS PICTURE,
20 BUT I REMEMBER WHEN I REVIEWED IT, IT WAS VERY RED,
21 EXTREMELY RED.

22 Q AND LASTLY, STATE'S EXHIBIT 15. IT'S A LITTLE
23 DIFFICULT TO SEE ON THE PROJECTOR, BUT THAT MARK THAT
24 I'VE INDICATED THERE, RECALL REVIEWING THIS PICTURE, IS
25 THAT MARK CONSISTENT WITH AN EARLY-STAGE BRUISE?

1 **A** YES.

2 **Q** AND IN YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A SEXUAL ASSAULT
3 NURSE EXAMINER, IS IT CONSISTENT FOR A VICTIM OF SEXUAL
4 ASSAULT TO HAVE BRUISES IN PLACES THAT THEY NORMALLY
5 WOULD NOT HAVE BRUISES?

6 **A** COULD YOU REPEAT THAT, I'M SORRY.

7 **Q** SURE. IS IT CONSISTENT WITH VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
8 ASSAULT THAT THEY HAVE BRUISING AND ABRASIONS THAT
9 APPEAR IN PLACES THAT THEY NORMALLY WOULD NOT HAVE FROM
10 DOING THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS WALKING OR WORKING
11 IN AN OFFICE OR GOING UP A SET OF STAIRS?

12 **A** YES.

13 **Q** WHAT ABOUT THE HEALING PATTERNS OF BRUISES
14 DURING SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINATIONS, IS IT ALWAYS
15 APPARENTLY DURING THE HEAD-TO-TOE EXAMINATION OF
16 BRUISING AND ABRASIONS?

17 **A** NO.

18 **Q** WHY IS THAT?

19 **A** BECAUSE BRUISES TAKE TIME TO FORM. SO
20 SOMETIMES YOU WILL NOT SEE A BRUISE FOR TWO DAYS OR
21 THREE DAYS BECAUSE OF WHERE IT WAS LOCATED. YOU MIGHT
22 FEEL PAIN; YOU MAY NOT. IT JUST REALLY DEPENDS ON WHERE
23 IT WAS; WHAT THE FORCE WAS APPLIED.

24 **Q** WHAT ABOUT INJURIES AND TRAUMA TO THE
25 VAGINAL-GENITAL AREA, HOW DO THOSE INJURIES OCCUR?

1 **A** IT DEPENDS ON THE TYPE OF PENETRATED TRAUMA,
2 BUT A LOT OF TIMES THE MAJORITY OF CASES, WE DON'T SEE
3 VAGINAL TRAUMA WITH SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN ADULTS.

4 **Q** AND WHAT ABOUT FOR VIEWING VAGINAL TRAUMA IN
5 SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD A HYSTERECTOMY?

6 **A** SO IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS PATIENT HAD
7 A HYSTERECTOMY, BUT STILL HAS THE OVARIES, WHICH IS
8 IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT MEANS SHE STILL HAS ESTROGEN.
9 ESTROGEN IS WHAT KEEPS THE TISSUE PLIABLE LIKE ELASTIC
10 SO IT CAN EXPAND AND CONTRACT EASIER, SO YOU WOULD STILL
11 SEE LESS INJURY; AND THERE'S NO CERVIX, SO THERE'S
12 NOTHING TO -- THE CERVIX IS THE END OF THE UTERUS. IT
13 STICKS AT THE END OF THE VAGINA, SO YOU MIGHT HAVE
14 TRAUMA THERE IF YOU WERE TO HAVE A CERVIX BUT NOT HAVING
15 A CERVIX, LESS TRAUMA AS WELL.

16 **Q** AND WITH VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, DO THEY
17 ALWAYS REPORT PAIN AND INJURIES DURING THEIR SEXUAL
18 ASSAULT EXAMINATION?

19 **A** NO.

20 **Q** DO THEY ALWAYS FEEL PAIN AND INJURY DURING
21 THEIR SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION?

22 **A** NO.

23 **Q** WHY IS THAT?

24 **A** TWO DIFFERENT REASONS. LIKE WHEN WE TALKED
25 ABOUT THE BRUISING, IT MAY NOT OCCUR AT THAT TIME AND

1 THEN ALSO THE SHOCK FACTOR. A LOT OF TIMES IT'S -- WITH
2 SHOCK, YOU HAVE COPING MECHANISMS THAT SHUT DOWN YOUR
3 PAIN RESPONSES, SO YOU MAY NOT HAVE PAIN OR INJURY UNTIL
4 LATER ON OR YOU MIGHT RECOGNIZE THE PAIN.

5 Q DO THOSE PAIN RESPONSES SOMETIMES EXIST WHEN A
6 VICTIM IS REPORTING A SEXUAL ASSAULT?

7 A YES.

8 Q WOULD THERE BE A REASON AS TO WHY A VICTIM WAS
9 NOT OVERLY EMOTIONAL OR WOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS MAYBE
10 CONTROLLED DURING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINATION?

11 A ABSOLUTELY.

12 Q AND WHAT ARE THOSE REASONS?

13 A SO WE KNOW THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT IS NOT A CRIME
14 ABOUT SEX. IT'S A CRIME ABOUT POWER. SO VICTIMS HAVE
15 HAD THEIR POWER TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM, AND SO ANYTHING
16 THAT THEY CAN DO TO TAKE CONTROL BACK IS WHAT THEY DO.
17 IT'S A COPING MECHANISM. SO I'VE HAD PATIENTS BE
18 COMPLETELY CALM AND CONTROLLED. I'VE HAD PATIENTS
19 LAUGH, WHATEVER THEY CAN DO TO REESTABLISH THEIR CONTROL
20 OF THEIR BODY AND THEIR CHOICES.

21 Q THANK YOU. AND, DR. SHERIDAN, DID YOU REVIEW
22 THE SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION THAT WAS COMPLETED BY
23 MS. PEDRO?

24 A I DID.

25 Q AND WAS THERE ANYTHING REMARKABLE OR

1 INAPPROPRIATE ABOUT THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE
2 EXAMINATION?

3 **A** I WOULDN'T SAY INAPPROPRIATE, BUT I WOULD HAVE
4 LIKED TO SEE A FEW OTHER THINGS DONE.

5 **Q** WHAT OTHER THINGS WOULD YOU HAVE SUGGESTED
6 THAT SHE COULD HAVE DONE?

7 **A** SO THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED TULLITING AND BLUE
8 DYE THAT YOU CAN PUT ON THE VAGINAL AND PERIANAL TISSUE.
9 IT ACTS AS A HIGHLIGHTER. SO A LOT OF TIMES WE CAN'T
10 SEE MICRO-TEARS OR ABRASIONS WITH THE NAKED EYE, BUT IF
11 YOU PUT THAT ON, IT ACTS LIKE A HIGHLIGHTER. SO THAT
12 WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE THAT
13 OPPORTUNITY TO SEE. AND THEN IN ADDITION, THERE WAS NO
14 SWABS TAKEN OF THE EXTERNAL GENITALIA. SO A LOT OF
15 TIMES WE SEE WITH PATIENTS NOWADAYS THAT WE'RE GETTING
16 ACTUAL DNA FROM THE INSIDE OF THE THIGH OR THE OUTSIDE
17 OF THE VAGINAL WALL, SO LIKE THE LABIA; AND NONE OF
18 THOSE SWABS WERE TAKEN. SO THAT'S A MISSED OPPORTUNITY
19 TO COLLECT D.N.A.

20 **Q** THE EXTERNAL SWABBING THAT YOU JUST DISCUSSED,
21 IS THAT A PRACTICE THAT'S PREVALENT AMONG SEXUAL ASSAULT
22 NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA?

23 **A** IT DEPENDS. I MEAN, IT'S IN NATIONAL
24 PROTOCOL, BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS DONE HERE, NO.

25 **Q** THANK YOU.

1 **THE COURT:** MR. BOWLES, QUESTIONS FOR DR.
2 SHERIDAN?

3 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

4 **BY MR. BOWLES:**

5 **Q** GOOD AFTERNOON, DOCTOR. IN THIS CASE, DID YOU
6 ACTUALLY MEET WITH MS. MATALON?

7 **A** NO.

8 **Q** PRETTY MUCH YOUR DUTIES IN THIS OR WHAT YOU
9 DID WAS TO EXAMINE THE PICTURES THAT WERE JUST SHOWN TO
10 YOU BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY?

11 **A** YES, SIR.

12 **Q** AND BASICALLY YOU SAID THAT WHILE YOU CAN TELL
13 A BRUISE IF IT'S EARLY STAGE OR LATE STAGE, WHAT YOU
14 CAN'T TELL IS THE AGE OF THE BRUISE?

15 **A** THAT IS CORRECT.

16 **Q** SO THE BRUISES THAT SHE JUST SHOWED YOU, YOU
17 CAN'T TELL IF THEY'RE TWO DAYS, THREE DAYS, OR FOUR DAYS
18 OLD?

19 **A** THAT IS CORRECT.

20 **Q** AND YOU SAID THAT IT DEPENDS ON THE TYPE OF
21 PRESSURE, THE LENGTH OF THE PRESSURE, AND I GUESS --
22 INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PERSON RECEIVING THE
23 BRUISE?

24 **A** YES.

25 **Q** SO PEOPLE BRUISE EASILY AND SOME PEOPLE YOU

1 CAN THROW THEM ALL AROUND AND THEY WON'T BRUISE.

2 A THAT IS CORRECT.

3 Q AND WHEN IT'S AN EARLY STAGE -- LIKE YOU SAID,
4 THAT PICTURE CAN BE EARLY STAGE BUT THE ACTUAL FORCE OF
5 THE BRUISE -- RESULTING OF THE BRUISE COULD HAVE BEEN
6 THREE OR FOUR DAYS BEFORE?

7 A THAT IS CORRECT.

8 Q OKAY. THE TEST THAT YOU SAID YOU HAD WISHED
9 THE OTHER NURSE HAD DONE, ARE THEY ALWAYS DONE?

10 A TULLITING AND BLUE DYE, NO. IT'S A TOOL THAT
11 WE HAVE IN OUR ARSENAL TO USE BUT NOT EVERYONE DOES.

12 Q OKAY.

13 MR. BOWLES: I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER. THANK
14 YOU.

15 THE COURT: ANY FOLLOW-UP?

16 MS. MCAULEY: YES, YOUR HONOR. JUST BRIEFLY.

17 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**

18 **BY MS. MCAULEY:**

19 Q DR. SHERIDAN, SO A PATIENT REPORTING NO
20 BRUISING BEFORE A SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DURING A SEXUAL
21 ASSAULT AND THEN NOTICING BRUISES ON HER BODY IN THE 24
22 TO 48 HOURS THAT FOLLOWED, IT WOULD BE CONSISTENT THAT
23 THOSE BRUISES RESULTED FROM THE SEXUAL ASSAULT?

24 A YES.

25 Q THANK YOU.

1 **MS. MCAULEY:** NOTHING FURTHER.

2 **THE COURT:** ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE JURORS FOR
3 PROFESSOR SHERIDAN? YEAH, OKAY. PASS THEM DOWN.

4 MR. BOWLES. MS. MCAULEY.

5 (A DISCUSSION WAS HELD OFF THE
6 RECORD.)

7 **THE COURT:** DR. SHERIDAN, I'M HANDING YOU
8 STATE'S EXHIBIT 17. IN LOOKING AT THAT IMAGE, ARE
9 YOU ABLE TO ASSESS WHETHER ANY BRUISING, IF YOU SEE
10 ANY BRUISING, IS FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD PHASE?

11 **THE WITNESS:** NO, I'M NOT ABLE TO SAY WHAT
12 PHASE.

13 **THE COURT:** OKAY. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE FACT
14 THAT BRUISING, THE MARKS MADE BY CONTACT, DEPENDS
15 ON PRESSURE, BLOOD FLOW, ET CETERA. IF SOMEONE IS
16 BRUISED IN A SINGLE INCIDENT THAT MAY HAVE BEEN
17 CONTACTED IN MORE THAN ONE PLACE BUT IT ALL HAPPENS
18 ABOUT THE SAME TIME, WILL BRUISES SHOW UP IN
19 CERTAIN PLACES SOONER BECAUSE OF BLOOD PRESSURE AND
20 WHAT-NOT.

21 **THE WITNESS:** YES, IT'S THE VASCULARITY.
22 WELL, ALSO THE PRESSURE, BUT ALSO IN DIFFERENT
23 PARTS OF OUR BODY, WE HAVE MORE BLOOD FLOW. THE
24 TISSUE MIGHT BE MORE EASILY DAMAGED. I ALWAYS USE
25 THE EXAMPLE OF IF YOU'VE BEEN IN CAR ACCIDENT, YOU

1 HAVE THE SEAT BELT AND YOU GET HIT; AND YOU'RE
2 LIKE, OH, I'M A LITTLE SORE, BUT THEN ALL OF A
3 SUDDEN, YOU GET A BRUISE HERE AND THEN THE NEXT DAY
4 YOU GET A BRUISE DOWN HERE. SO IT VARIES. THE
5 BODY IS A VERY INTERESTING THING.

6 **THE COURT:** BUT IF I GOT INTO A SCRAP WITH MY
7 BROTHER AND HE POUNDED ME SORT OF ALL OVER, OTHER
8 THAN THE OBVIOUS, WHERE WOULD THE BRUISES FIRST
9 START SHOWING UP IF I HAVE A FAIRLY NORMAL VASCULAR
10 SET-UP?

11 **THE WITNESS:** SO IN NURSING, WE NEVER SAY THAT
12 ANYTHING IS NORMAL. IT REALLY JUST DEPENDS.
13 THERE'S NO WAY. EVEN A MEDICAL EXAMINER, THEY
14 WOULD HAVE TO STEP IN. AND THERE'S NO WAY A NURSE
15 OR A PHYSICIAN COULD SAY WHERE IT WOULD OCCUR.

16 **THE COURT:** SO IT WOULD BE WRONG TO SAY, HEY,
17 WE ALWAYS LOOK TO THE LEGS FIRST OR THE FOREHEAD
18 BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE IT'S THE MOST --

19 **THE WITNESS:** CORRECT. AND YOU ALWAYS GO BY
20 WHAT THE PATIENT IS COMPLAINING OF OR STATES THE
21 HISTORY OF AND EVALUATE IT FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW.

22 **THE COURT:** OKAY. MS. MCAULEY, ANY FOLLOW-UP
23 BASED ON THAT?

24 **MS. MCAULEY:** I DO. I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION
25 ABOUT THE PHOTO YOU SHOWED DR. SHERIDAN.

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FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. MCAULEY:

Q DR. SHERIDAN, THE MARK THAT'S PICTURED IN THAT PHOTO ON THE VICTIM'S BACK, IS THAT CONSISTENT WITH THAT BRUISE BEING IN THE EARLY STAGES OF BRUISING BASED ON THE COLORATION OF THE BRUISE?

A YES.

Q OKAY, THANK YOU. IT'S JUST WE CAN'T AGE THE BRUISE OR ASSIGN A SPECIFIC TIME AND DAY THAT THE BRUISE WAS EXISTING ON THE PATIENT?

A THAT IS CORRECT.

THE COURT: MR. BOWLES, ANYTHING ELSE?

MR. BOWLES: NOTHING FURTHER, JUDGE.

THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM, FOR YOUR TIME.

THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.

THE COURT: NEXT WITNESS?

MS. MCAULEY: YES, YOUR HONOR. THE STATE CALLS DR. GELLER.

DR. ROBERT GELLER,

HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

THE DEPUTY: HAVE A SEAT. PLEASE STATE YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME WITH THE SPELLING OF EACH.

THE WITNESS: MY NAME IS DR. ROBERT, R-O-B-E-R-T, GELLER, G-E-L-L-E-R.